

## REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

STONER RE.

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,988,384, granted November 23, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Christmas Ornament Hanger/Holder

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Patentees are seeking a broadening reissue due to the fact that the existing claims do not provide as broad protection as the patentees are entitled to. Patentees believe that they are entitled to independent claims that do not include features such as "a front portion hinged to said bottom"; "support means for holding a hanger on said inside surface of said ~~top~~ of sail [sic] box"; "a hanger means for holding Christmas ornaments"; and "said bottom portion [of said hanger means] having a plurality of ridges space [sic] therealong" and independent claims that do not include all of these features in combination.

Patentees are also seeking to correct typographical errors in the claims and the specification.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.					
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STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT**Docket Number (Optional)  
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**5,988,384**Date Patent Issued  
**November 23, 1999**Title of Invention  
**Christmas Ornament Hanger/Holder**

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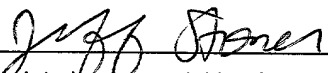
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and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.

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